

Boating Infrastructure Grant

In 1998 the United States Congress authorized the United States Fish and Wildlife Services to create a grant program to assist boating facilities wishing to improve their infrastructure to serve transient boaters. The Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program has been designed to serve this purpose.

Any facility that will serve transient boaters may compete for funding. When the application is approved, the facility is eligible for 75% reimbursement after the project is completed and approved.

Generally the types of projects that could be funded are:

- Mooring buoys
- Day-docks (non-trailerable tie-up facilities that do not allow overnight use)
- Transient slips (allowing a maximum consecutive stay of 10 days)
- Safe harbor facilities that will provide temporary safe anchorage or a harbor of refuge during a storm
- Floating and fixed piers and breakwaters
- Dinghy docks
- Restrooms, retaining walls, bulkheads, dockside utilities, pump-out stations and recycling and trash receptacles
- Navigational aids (channel markers and buoys)

The goal of the program is to enhance access to historic, recreational and cultural resources for owners of non-trailerable boats (26' or larger), strengthen community ties to the water and provide economic benefits.

Virginia Department of Health has been designated as the state contact for this program. If you are interested in the program and would like to receive more information, or if you plan to apply, please return the form on page 2 of this document as soon as possible or contact us at:

phone: (804) 864-7465
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We will keep you informed.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Clark, Grant Administrator
Division of Wastewater Engineering

Request for Information Regarding Boating Infrastructure Grant

Marina Name

County / City

Owner's Name

Phone #

Owner's Mailing Address

Operator's Name

Phone #

Circle the appropriate response:

1. Do you wish to receive funds from the BIG program to upgrade transient facilities at your marina?

Yes No

2. Do you wish to receive information about the BIG program?

Yes No

3. Not interested - _____

please initial

Signature

Date

Please return this form to:

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